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## THE COVER

Most of us who aren't on vacation or remembering what fun we had when we were, are getting ready to take off for a week or so of rest, blessed rest. We're always told to "travel light," but it seems that senior students *Ursula Promann* and *Marjorie Epps* (kneeling) are having a little trouble packing everything *Anne Rogers* wants to take along.

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

*Henry Z. Pines*, M.D.

For nearly ten years now the country has been in a "seller's market." This means that there has been a scarcity of goods and services. The war, with its emphasis on the production of weapons of destruction, caused a shortage of labor for the production of consumer goods, the things that you and I want to buy. Consequently the sellers of these goods and services have been in a position to charge high prices, to supply inferior grades and to delay deliveries to suit their own convenience. Services, too, have been inferior and grudgingly given.

During the past few months, the scarcities have gradually become excesses. There are now more goods and services available than you and I want to buy. It has become a "shopper's market" with falling prices, quick deliveries and superior and courteous service. Looking back two or three years, we must all be aware of the change

that has occurred and is still taking place.

You may well ask what this has to do with The New York Hospital. Simply this: during the war our patients realized that there was a shortage of doctors, nurses and all kinds of hospital workers. It was a hospital "seller's market." Patients were happy to get care without any of the refinements and niceties. Today the whole psychology of the general public, including our patients, has changed. It is a "shopper's market." People expect to get the maximum in courteous service for the dollars they spend for hospital care.

Our Hospital has long been noted for its human and sympathetic attitude toward its patients, their friends and relatives. Our services are exemplary. So we have nothing to fear from the increasing demands the new "shopper's" psychology will place upon us. We can face a "shopper's market" with confidence.

## MOVING DAY AT NYH

Although October 1st is traditionally "moving day," several departments at the Hospital "jumped the gun" and changed quarters in July. Better mark them in your blue directory!

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (Med. Service)—Room 1863—Ext. 681.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (School of Nursing)—H-216—Ext. 7360, 7030.

MEDICAL INFORMATION, COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY—K-107—Ext. 325.

PURCHASING—H-220—Ext. 323.

All of these departments have expressed their appreciation to the maintenance crews of the Engineering and Building Service Departments for their efforts in swiftly accomplishing these moves without too much upset of daily routine.

## VOLUNTEER STAFF UNDAUNTED BY HEAT

Although activities of the volunteer corps are always somewhat curtailed during the summer months, 141 men and women are presently carrying on their service to The New York Hospital. Thirteen of the group are doing four or five full days work each week, according to *Miss Jane Quinby*, acting director of the Volunteer Department.

Despite the heat and the temptation just to relax, at least one or two new volunteer applicants are interviewed every day, according to *Miss Quinby*. Many of them are being placed on a permanent basis.

## INTERNS BEGIN TERM

Two new administrative interns, one of them a woman doctor from Brazil, are working at the Hospital to get practical experience in their fields.

Dr. Lourdes de Freitas Carvalho will spend six months here under a fellowship from the Kellogg Foundation, while Tracy Storch will be here for a year to complete requirements for a master's degree from Columbia University.

Dr. Carvalho, who has completed nine months of academic work in hospital administration at the University of Minnesota, will return to Brazil where she was assistant director of a large teaching hospital in Sao Paulo.

Mr. Storch, a graduate of Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania, has worked at several hospitals.

## BUILDING ENJOYS BEAUTY TREATMENT

Like a beautiful girl, a beautiful building sometimes needs touching up, too.

Right now, it's part of the exterior of NYH's main building that is getting a "face lifting." That's why you've been seeing the ropes and scaffolds swinging "way up yonder."

The "beauty treatment," confined to the 12th through 26th floors, consists of waterproofing to prevent leakage caused by driving rain, repointing of the stone work and lead stripping in the cap joints of the stone work. Similar projects were completed three years ago on Payne Whitney, M and N buildings.

As for any similarity between "face lifting" treatments on a beautiful girl and our beautiful building, there is none. The latter job may take five months but it will be good for 20 years!

## NYH ACCOUNTANT WINS HOSPITAL FUND AWARD

Pats on the back are in order for Thomas S. Adams, Jr. of the accounting department, a prize winner in the vacation contest sponsored by the Greater New York Fund in connection with its 1949 campaign. Tom is one of thirty lucky persons whose 50-word statements on "Why everyone who works in New York City should contribute to the Greater New York Fund" has been judged the best out of thousands of entries.



Tom Adams

His prize is a pair of round trip flight tickets to either Boston, Washington or Atlantic City. As a "bonus," Dr. Pratt has granted him a three-day leave with pay in addition to his regular vacation. Tom plans to fly to Washington with his wife.

Tom's eligibility to compete was based on his employment by an organization with a "well-organized employee subscription drive" in the 1949 Greater New York Fund Campaign. (You all know how well ours turned out.)

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## PULSE STAFF CHANGES

This is one of the "hail and farewell" stories that's both hard and easy to write. It was hard to say "farewell" to Fran Greene who, for a year and a half, has been such a capable PULSE editor and nursing publicity Girl Friday. We all miss her, but know she'll be successful no matter what she undertakes.

The easy part of this story is welcoming Rheta Glueck, who has replaced Fran. Rheta, whose background includes newspaper and magazine work, service with the Red Cross overseas and a variety of other activities, will be the person to call on any future news you might have for THE PULSE.

## WE PARTICIPATE IN MASTER PLAN

In July The New York Hospital became a participating hospital in the Master Plan of the Hospital Council of Greater New York.

Just read on and we'll explain. The Hospital Council is composed of twenty member organizations including associations, philanthropies, and so on, which are concerned with hospitals in New York City.

The Council has the following as its objectives, in regard to hospitals: (1) planning, (2) coordination, (3) recommendations for improvements, (4) bringing together the interests of hospitals and the medical profession, (5) advising the public and fund raising organizations concerning the financial needs of hospitals and (6) interpretation to the public of the services available for the care of the sick.

The New York Hospital is one of 38 hospitals cooperating with the Council, and the most recent issue of the Hospital Council's "Bulletin" carried a long and interesting article about us.

## SISTER AURELIA GETS LOST, TOO

There's been so much comment aroused by the sweet-looking nun in her spotless white habit who has been working in the dining rooms, that *THE PULSE* decided it was time to satisfy your curiosity.

She's *Sister Mary Aurelia*, a Felician Sister of the Order of St. Francis, who is a member of the new group of NYH dietetic interns. She has a wonderful sense of humor, and has been pleased and entertained by the questions she has been asked directly or has overheard. She's been particularly touched, she says, over other employees worrying about how she could "take it" during all the heat. Sister Mary didn't answer the question for us, but she admitted that before the air-conditioning started in the Garden Dining Room she was not exactly cool.

Sister Mary is the first nun from the Lodi, New Jersey, province of her order to go into the field of dietetics. She has taught for 10 years in various towns in New Jersey and Delaware and received her B.S. degree from Ste. Elizabeth's, Convent Station, New Jersey.

She's probably one of the busiest people at the Center, for in addition to her class work, her practice hours and her study, she must find time for prayers and meditation and for daily Mass.

She told us that one day she entered a room where several employees were playing cards. "All of a sudden I looked around and all the cards had disappeared," she said with a chuckle. "I guess it will take a while before people realize that I'm no ogre . . . that I'm human, too."

When asked if she was enjoying her experience, she grinned and said: "I certainly am . . . if ONLY I could find my way around this place!"

## What Makes The Center Tick?



### The Clinic Aide

An important cog in the activities of the Out-Patient Department is the Clinic Aide. She is the very patient lady at the desk who schedules appointments, obtains the patient's history chart, answers a multitude of phone inquiries, and generally assists the clinic doctors and nurses in handling an average of about 1,000 patients every day.

As each clinic day begins, it is necessary for the Clinic Aide to obtain all the history charts from the Record Room for patients to be seen in her clinic that day. As the patients arrive, they are taken in order and referred for treatment. After having seen the doctor, who writes out a set of instructions as needed, the patient returns to the Clinic Aide who re-schedules an appointment and refers the patient for laboratory tests or X-rays as required.

It's a complex and exacting job, calling for some rather special qualifications. In addition to endless patience, one of the most important requirements for the efficient Clinic Aide is a sense of humor. While most of the patients with whom she deals are not acutely ill, they are more than likely to be frightened and are consequently often impatient and hard to satisfy. When those fears are dispelled by the calm and courteous Clinic Aide,

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## WHEE! NO PICTURES!

By now all of us have received the new identification cards issued to all Hospital personnel, including students in the Schools of Nursing, Radiography and Nutrition.

The new card bears the name of our Hospital, the employee's name and department together with his or her permanent identification number, but no picture is required. It is a permanent card and does not require date stamping annually as was necessary with the old card. It should be carried during working hours for the duration of the period of employment and must be surrendered upon termination of employment.

The general reaction to the new card has been good. The fair sex seems to indicate that the choice of the color blue is good and they have expressed their unanimous approval of the elimination of the picture. Seems like some of the gals were caught unawares by the camera and the results were a trifle less than flattering, shall we say.

If by chance you have not yet received your card or you have lost it, the Personnel Office will gladly furnish one.

### RETURNS

Over at the Woman's Clinic, they're still talking about the neat little package which arrived there recently with a note enclosed, penned on back of a business card, as follows:

"Our daughter, Lorna Suzanne Rogers, born in your establishment on October 21st, 1948, has requested me to return to you, with her sincere thanks, the enclosed tummy band which you kindly lent her when she went home."

The note was signed by Lorna's daddy, vice-president of a firm with offices in the Empire State Building.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM BASRAH, IRAQ

If our hearts needed to be warmed in this weather, here's a story that would certainly do it.

It really started last November when *THE PULSE* ran an item in *Hospi-Tales* which said: "Helen McDougall of Compensation said her 'I do' to Charles S. Kirk on November 2nd. The groom is an Engineering Officer on the S. S. *Coralstone*."

On July 25th, just before this edition went to press, an airmail letter arrived in *THE PULSE* office, postmarked Basrah, Iraq. It had been written on July 19th, and was from C. S. Kirk, 5/Engin., S. S. *Coralstone*. It was addressed to the editor, and said, in part: "My wife is a member of the Insurance Department, and her 21st birthday falls on August 23rd. I had the idea that if you could place 'Many happy returns from your husband' in your August issue of *THE PULSE*, it would come as a pleasant surprise—don't you agree?"

Indeed we do agree! So happy birthday from your husband, Helen. (You'll get his letter for your scrapbook, too, to help you remember an extraordinary bit of thoughtfulness.)

## THE BECKONING FINGER

Heigh-ho!  
Let's follow the bend of the lane  
And over the brow of the hill,  
Where Summer is calling again,  
And crystal cool rivulets spill  
Their cadence from musical rain,  
While rumbles of thunder grow still.

And breakers of laughter display  
Their curving crescendos of sound  
Where sea-winds, blown tangy with spray,  
Recapture the spirit long bound  
In narrowing cells of each day,  
Until—one more Summer comes 'round.

Let's go!

JOHN J. TUNNEY, R.N.

## CLEAN STOCKHOLM IMPRESSES NURSES AT WORLD CONGRESS

*(In the last issue we reported that Miss Bessie A. R. Parker, Associate Dean of the School of Nursing and Associate Director of the Nursing Service, would represent the Nursing Service at the International Congress of Nurses in Stockholm, Sweden. Here is Miss Parker's story of her trip.)*

Through the generous kindness of those responsible for our New York Hospital, I attended the International Congress of Nurses in Stockholm, Sweden, from June 12th to 16th.

If cleanliness is next to godliness, Stockholm must be godly because one thinks twice before dropping even a tiny piece of paper on the clean streets. Stockholm is cut through by canals and lakes, and a visit is hardly complete without a sail through the city and under its many bridges. High white urns full of bright red geraniums greet one unexpectedly on grassy corners.

The "Old City" retains its narrow streets and its medieval architecture but the modern apartments of Stockholm surpass many of ours with a balcony—sometimes small but still a balcony—for each apartment.

Four thousand nurses, representing 36 countries, registered at the Congress, which marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of the International Council of Nurses. The Swedish Nurses Association did a wonderful job of organization in getting us placed in hotels, private homes and nurses' residences in pre-arrangement of our trips to hospitals or health centers. (They had asked us to indicate our choice by letter long before the Congress and they divided us accordingly as far as that was possible.) They set up a restaurant for us near the convention hall which was on the outskirts of the city, and even planned

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## SHANNON BELLS NE'ER PEALED SO LOUD

NYH was well represented in Europe this summer. Miss Mary Brennan, supervisor in Private Patients, Miss Olive M. Reid, head of the Out-Patient Nursing Service and Miss Theodate Soule, Director of Social Service, all were traveling across the Atlantic. Miss Reid and Miss Brennan both attended the convention for nurses in Stockholm, and Miss Soule visited English hospitals at the request of the British Institute of Almoners, inspecting the medical work of the country as it's being carried on under the nationalized health program.



Miss Soule and Miss Reid under the "Sign of the Lamb," Burford, Cotswolds, England.

Before going to Sweden, Miss Reid toured the British Isles with Miss Soule. Traveling by bus, train, and, in one case, a hired car, they first went around the coast of Ireland. Miss Reid says that the one thing, aside from the spectacular scenery, which struck them most was the absence of four-wheeled carts. Irish carts are two-wheeled, usually hauled by tiny donkeys.

While they were in Cork Miss Soule played "The Bells of St. Mary's" on the famous Shannon

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## DR. BALL TO ASSUME RADIOLOGY POSTS

Dr. Robert P. Ball will assume the posts of professor of radiology at Cornell University Medical College and Radiologist-in-Chief of The New York Hospital on September 1.

He succeeds Dr. Harold L. Temple who resigned as Radiologist-in-Chief in June. Dr. Temple is serving as acting head of radiology until Dr. Ball's arrival.

Now professor of radiology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, and attending radiologist at the Presbyterian Hospital, Dr. Ball has been affiliated with these institutions since 1936. A native of Harlan, Kentucky, he received his medical degree from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1924, where he later was affiliated in a teaching capacity. Dr. Ball also trained at the Louisville City Hospital and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation Hospital. Before coming to New York, he was engaged in the practice of radiology in Chattanooga, Tennessee, for about five years.

Vice-President of the New York Roentgen Society, Dr. Ball is the American Roentgen Ray Society representative on the medical division of the National Research Council. A member also of the Radiology Society of North America, the American College of Radiology and other medical organizations, he has contributed to many scientific journals on the subject of radiology.

Any pets in your family . . . dog, cat, canary, trained seal or tiger cub? Send along their photos to the editors of THE PULSE, H-216. Plans for our next issue call for a special picture page of photogenic pets belonging to NYH employees.

## W. W. DOWNEY RETIRES AFTER 19 YEARS AS CHIEF ENGINEER



W. W. Downey

After 19 years of valued service to The New York Hospital as chief engineer, W. W. Downey retired officially on July 31.

Mr. Downey, who joined the staff of NYH in April, 1930, when the present buildings were under construction, has been appointed engineering consultant for one year. He has also been granted a President's chair, the first such chair to be awarded to a non-medical member of the Hospital's staff.

A farewell reception in his honor was held June 29 in the nurses' residence to which all department heads and the entire Engineering Department staff were invited. A letter of appreciation from William H. Jackson, then president, now vice president of The Society of the New York Hospital, was read by Laurence G. Payson, secretary and treasurer of the Society.

Taking over Mr. Downey's duties is Richard G. Walke, who has a new title, director of plant operations. At the same time, Louis T. Vail has been promoted from assistant to chief engineer.

Mr. Walke, who holds a B.S. (Continued on Page 10)

## ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS LISTED

William Walton, Jr., who joined the Hospital staff in 1947 as assistant purchasing agent, has been promoted to acting purchasing agent.

Taking over his former position is Lloyd G. Darling, who had been with the Veterans' Administration since 1945 in a purchasing capacity. During the war, Mr. Darling had similar duties as a captain in the Army Medical Administration Corps.

Sherwood A. Messner, an administrative intern at the Hospital since June, 1948, has been named executive assistant for supplementary services. In this capacity, he will have overall supervision of the pharmacy, admitting, central sterile supply, record room, social service, occupational therapy and volunteer departments.

## OUR BUSY MR. DALE

Our personnel director, John G. Dale, Jr., has been a busy fellow lately.

First, he was elected an executive officer of the Association of Hospital Personnel Executives. The latter part of July, Mr. Dale and Edward L. Richman, executive assistant at Payne Whitney, represented The New York Hospital in a week-long conference on supervisory training held at Cornell University, Ithaca.

## NEW AIDE SUPERVISOR

Thelma Cobb, R.N., formerly night supervisor in Woman's Clinic, is now supervisor of auxiliary personnel, assisting Miss Bresnahan in the Nursing Aide program.

Miss Cobb's new duties include helping in the development of a new orientation program for attendants. She will help give basic instruction on attendants' duties to new members on the staff before they actually go to work on the floors.

## STOCKHOLM

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a picnic supper for us on the last evening in beautiful Skansen Park.

One hospital I visited was finished in 1947. The rooms, accommodating from one to four patients, were furnished in blond wood with the exception of the beds; windows were very large; growing plants or cut flowers abounded, and there was a small radio built into every bedside table. They looked comfortable, quiet and in good taste.

It was very evident in our meetings that the United States is not alone in having a shortage of nurses. Thought was given not only to the immediate needs of communities but to the inevitable demands on the nursing profession of the future as a result of the rapid advancement in medical sciences. Among the subjects discussed by the delegates were the problem of supplying enough nurses to both rural and urban areas, recommended methods of student education, recruitment problems, and the best method of utilizing nursing talents.

No one solution could meet the requirements of all 36 countries, but the excellent papers presented at the Congress were evidence that nurses everywhere are doing a great deal of constructive thinking about these and many related problems. Perhaps, if we were good crystal gazers, we could see the needs more clearly and furnish the solutions more quickly, but we all left the Congress feeling that things are not quite as hopeless as they occasionally seem, and that out of the chaos of recent

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## CENTER TICKS

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the Hospital's service to the community is made more valuable.

She is a vital link in the Hospital's relationship with its patients, and no matter how hectic her day has been, she can be counted on to "keep smiling," and to be as friendly and helpful to the last patient of the day as she was to the first.

COVETED AWARD WON  
BY CO-OP STUDENT

Josephine Romano of the Record Department has, since August 1947, been a cooperative student. That is to say, she has worked a week and attended school a week since that time. In June, Josephine received her diploma from Theodore Roosevelt High School. But that's not all. She also received the Jesse Isidore Straus Award, which is given each year by the Board of Education of the City of New York to the graduating cooperative student who excels in personality, scholarship and job performance.

THE PULSE thinks that Josephine deserves some very special congratulations and a hearty welcome as a permanent member of the NYH family.

## HOSPITAL FUND

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Contest judges who selected his entry as a winner were: Cornelia Otis Skinner, actress; Mary Margaret McBride and Walter "Red" Barber of radio fame; Coach "Lou" Little of Columbia University's football team, and Bruce Barton, well-known advertising executive. Here is Tom's statement:

"Everyone who works in New York City should give to the Greater New York Fund because . . . it helps support hospitals, the 'Y,' neighborhood centers, boys' and girls' clubs—in all, 423 social and welfare agencies affecting millions of lives. Lend a hand in making New York a finer, healthier, happier place to live and work. Give to the Greater New York Fund."

## Dietetic Interns Complete NYH Program



On June 30th this handsome group of gals completed the Hospital program for dietetic interns, making them eligible for membership in the American Dietetic Association. Mr. Payson presided at the ceremonies and Dr. Pratt was the principal speaker. The girls represent six states and Canada. In the front row are, left to right: Dorothy Ann Walker, Pennsylvania; Jeanette Kuroly, Michigan; Joyce Leslie, New York. Back row: Frances Cosmos, Nebraska; Julia Jacobson, Nova Scotia; Angel Van Campen, Washington; June Davies, Idaho.

# HOSPI - TALES

**Here and There:** The Hospital has received a "Certificate of Appreciation" for its efforts in registering employees eligible for military service during the Selective Service registration period last summer. Its signers include President Truman, Governor Dewey, General Lewis B. Hershey, national director of Selective Service, and Col. Chandler Cobb, New York City Selective Service head. Almost 100 persons took advantage of the opportunity to register at the Hospital instead of at their local draft boards . . . Well of all things! *Dr. Bernard Maisel* of Surgery and *Mrs. Maisel* were judges at the recent Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival parade in Winchester, Virginia. *Miss Margaret Thors*, daughter of Iceland's Minister to the United States and Canada, was crowned queen of the festival by Vice President *Alben W. Barkley*; *Bob Hope* was grand marshal of the event . . . Every summer the Nutrition Department is glad to welcome several college students who fill in while regular employees are on vacation. This year the group includes *Sue Watanabe* of Simmons, *Joan Wildung* and *Lenora Cohan* of Hunter, *Marianne Lund* of Syracuse, *Mary Beth Weaver* of Cornell, and *Myla Beames* of Miami University, Ohio . . . The Class of '40 of the Nursing School held the first of what it hopes will be annual reunions on June 15, with 12 of the original class of 35 present. After luncheon in the Hospital's guest dining room, the group adjourned to the Alumnae Lounge of the Nurses' Residence where the married gals showed photos of their children. Guests were *Miss Sarab Moore*, *Miss Hendricka Rynbergen*, *Miss Flora Bergstrom* and *Miss Mary McDermott* of the school faculty . . . *Helen Bergborn*, Record Department secretary, now can write R.R.L. after her name. The letters stand for "Regis-



Recognize this old cowhand? He's David Reed, orderly. The picture was taken when he was out West on his vacation. Highlights of his 6,000-mile round trip were visits to his former home in Oklahoma, to the veteran's hospital where he worked before coming to New York, and to a Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico.

tered Record Librarian" and she won this honor by passing an exam given by the American Association of Medical Record Librarians . . . *Charlotte Stanton*, registrar in Private Admitting Office, has left her post to rejoin her family at Fort Bragg, N. C. . . . That dust you see toward the southeast is not just the result of a York Ave. breeze. It's probably *Jeanne Tillotson* and a few of her dietician friends on their way to Jones Beach. She's traveling everywhere these days in that new '49 Chevie . . . We wish a speedy recovery to *Jack James* of the Plumbing Department, now a patient on H-5 . . . When Dieticians *Katherine Kellerman* and *Marie Stych* come back from vacation, they ought to be able to give rumba lessons. They've been spending a month in Cuba . . . Speaking of dietitians, have you noticed how popular tennis has become with that crowd, especially with those two fore-named "Latins

from Manhattan," and *Ebba West* and *Dotty Ross*? Could it be that they're trying to keep "in trim"? . . . *Anthony J. Calvagno* is a new staff nurse in Urology on F-9-S . . . *Dr. Eugene L. Horger*, who has been on the house staff for three years, has been appointed assistant to *Dr. Harold J. Stewart* in the Heart Station, and an instructor in internal medicine at the Medical College . . . Friends of *Bill Baer*, Protection Department, will be happy to know that he will be back at work soon. Bill and a truck had an unfortunate get-together back in January . . . *Edward Powers*, orderly on F-7-E, flew to California for his vacation on August 8th to visit his niece, a former Radio City "Rockette," now with MGM in Hollywood. . . .

**New Yorichids:** To those wonderful people in a certain department of the Hospital who raised \$80 among themselves to replace a similar sum lost by the head of their department. They put the money in an envelope and addressed it "To Miss —, from those who love her."

**Wedding Bells:** And how they are chiming! Too late for the last issue were three June weddings: *Elinor Dickie*, physio-therapist, to *James Rankin*; *Dorothy Mehmel*, dietician in the East Dining Room, to *Fred Mitchell*, fourth year Cornell medical student, and *Dr. Joan Kay Barber*, intern at NYH, to *Dr. Frederic T. Kirkham, Jr.*, a resident in the medical service of the Hospital. Both are graduates of the Medical College . . . *Irene (Nikki) Burbank* of Public Relations became the wife of *Dr. Albert C. Frell* on July 16th. *Dr. Frell* is resident in ophthalmology at N.Y.U.-Bellevue Medical Center . . . *Marie White*, who enrolled recently as a Dietetic Intern, became Mrs. *Frank Stitt* on August 2nd in Alabama . . . *Thelma McKell*, technician in *Dr. Donald*

J. Simons' office, will wed Ralph R. Brown, a sales engineer, on August 20th at Christ Church, Short Hills, N. J. The lucky couple have already found an apartment in Stuyvesant Town . . . Double good luck wishes to *Doris Iba*, science instructor in the School of Nursing, who has annexed a shining diamond and a master's degree in institutional management from Columbia University. Doris will wed Stanley Korol on September 17th in Washington Square Methodist Church and will live in Pittsburgh, where her future husband is a designer with Westinghouse Electric . . . Four more members of the Class of '49 of the Nursing School will add "Mrs." to their names before graduation on September 29th. *Marjorie Epps* and Dr. Joe Mitchell, resident in pediatrics at the U. of Virginia Hospital, said their "I do's" on August 6th at Chapel Hill, N. C. On the same day, *Anne Rogers* became the bride of Dr. Kenneth Seagrave of Memorial Hospital at a ceremony in Cayuga, N. Y. August 21st is the day that "*Toni*" Russo walks down the aisle with Robert Carter, a physicist, and on August 28th, *Prudence Shlimbaum* will wed Frank J. Ferraro, a student at Springfield College . . . And a last minute bit of news from the love front . . . *Eleanor McMahon*, general staff nurse on F-16, will wed John Hannah on September 1st in Worcester, Mass. The couple will live in Waterville, Maine, where the prospective bridegroom is a student at Colby College. Eleanor was tendered a farewell party July 29th by nurses on her floor.

**More Heart Throbs:** "Dan Cupid" is working overtime in the Nursing School. Three new engagements are announced: *Virginia Knuth*, '49, to Dr. Robert J. Murray, a dentist, of Elmira, N. Y.; *Gertrude Hardy*, '49, to Donald P. Osterhout, Jr., of Upper Darby, Pa., and *Eileen McLellan*, '50, to Dr. Sheff Jeck, formerly of NYH, now of Bellevue.

**Bundles from Heaven:** *James Hartigan*, orderly on F-9-S, was in a cigar passing mood on June 13th when Mrs. H. presented him with a 9 lb. lad, Donald . . . and Mrs. *Vivian Smith McIntyre*, a Hospital pharmacist, had a girl, 7 lbs., 12½ oz., on July 27th.

#### COLLEGE CORNER

Last issue we told you about our plans for continuing motion picture programs during Wednesday lunch hours in the College auditorium. The first Fall showing will be on Wednesday, September 28, at noon, when three "shorts," "Under Western Skies," "Carlsbad Caverns," and "Pennsylvania," will be shown. Among the other films to be shown on subsequent Wednesdays are: "This Is New York," "On the Air," "Grand Canyon," "Let's See Chicago," and "Brooklyn." Many are in full color . . . *Bill Brock* has left the housekeeping staff of the College to go to school under the G. I. Bill. *Eddie Konchan* has taken over his duties . . . Students living at Wildwood are glad to see *Harry Cooney* back at work after his two-week illness . . . "*Tim*" Timoney is the man to thank for the grass and cheerful flowers around the student dormitories on

69th and York . . . Dr. Emerson Day returned from a short leave recently with one of the nicest tans we've seen this year . . . A great deal of confusion is anticipated when the school year begins. Seems that not only are three students enrolled in the College with the last name of "Wagner," but two have the same initial for their first name . . . Happiest person on the sixth floor in C building is *Marian Gurney* since her laboratory got a painting and new lights.

#### NURSING SCHOOL NOTES

The seniors are in a slight tizzy what with four August weddings, several engagement announcements (reported elsewhere in *Hospital Tales*), vacations, and most important—graduation on September 29 . . . the Class of '51 is still talking about that picnic to Sands Point, L. I., how well it turned out in spite of the rain which particularly dismayed *Joan Riker*, chairman . . . An evening beach party at Jones Beach, featuring singing as well as swimming, was a recent highly successful Class of '50 event.

#### FROM WESTCHESTER

**A Retirement:** It is hard to think of the Westchester Division without thinking of *Michael Collins*. Not only has he been a valued staff member for 44 years, but to the thousands of patients and others with whom he has been in constant contact, he typified the highest ideals of efficiency and service. In 1905 young Mike, a lad of 22, trudged up the hill admiring the rolling landscape that might have brought back a memory of his childhood in Erin. He found work as an attendant and stayed on. Three years later he was graduated from the Hospital Training School and in 1910 was promoted to charge nurse. His skill in physical education was recognized early and by 1918 he was made physical director of the men's department. Michael Collins' retirement from active duty, effective September 1, creates

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Drafted as a nursemaid, William Hasselback, Protection Department, posed with his young charges while their mother was getting emergency treatment for sunburn on the sizzling 4th of July. Because of the holiday, there were no volunteers for the job, so Bill took over—and how the kids loved it! Always present at the right moment, Eric Granholm snapped this picture.

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one of those voids that is never entirely filled. Gentle wit, quiet understanding and ever-ready sympathy have transformed a difficult job into a high art. He carries with him to the peaceful, quiet, little Connecticut farm the affection and gratitude of all who know him.



Dr. Roscoe Wilcox, resident surgeon on the first surgical service, and Mrs. Wilcox, were all smiles when friends and associates gave them a farewell party June 25th in the College cafeteria. Dr. Wilcox has taken a new position in the "Atomic City," Los Alamos, New Mexico. His co-workers presented him with an initialed rawhide pullman case and a photograph of the Hospital autographed by the senior surgical staff and others present.

**A Resignation:** Mrs. Ethel King, secretary to Dr. Prout and Mr. Delaney, has been a valued staff member since April, 1934. For many years, she and Mr. King, who is in charge of Hall 4 on the men's side, have lived at the Hospital. They have now bought their own home, and Mrs. King has resigned to become a housewife. The best wishes of all her friends accompany her to her new home.

**Cross-Country Jaunt:** A new record in vacation trips is being set by Alma McKirgan, dental hygienist, Alice O'Donnell, dietician, and Virginia Jacques, housekeeper, who started out on a "See America" motor trip on August 6th. They hope to cover the country from here to Lake Louise and back in three weeks, stopping off at the Garden of the Gods and Glacier National Park and other points of interest along the way.

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bells of St. Ann's, probably startling the good people of the town considerably.

They then spent eight days in Edinburgh, and at their next stop, London, they witnessed the "trooping of the colors" by the King's Guards in celebration of the birthday of the King of England. The whole royal family was in the parade, and Princess Elizabeth was on horseback.

## Nurse on Studytours

While Miss Reid and Miss Soule concentrated on the British Isles, Miss Brennan preceded her convention activities by acting as assistant group leader of 20 World Study tour nurses. World Studytours is a student organization maintained by American universities.

They spent time in England, observing the nationalization of health services, child clinics and day nurseries, then went to Norway. This was followed by the Stockholm convention, after which the group went to Copenhagen, Denmark, where they observed a Red Cross Hospital for displaced persons, physicians and students who were being rehabilitated and given the opportunity for study.

Paris was next on the agenda, and the group observed public health work for rural areas, infant and child centers and corrective work for the youth of France.

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years there will come order and a new and more understanding public appraisal of nursing as a profession.

I had one long thrill on this combination convention-vacation trip and it lasted from the time I embarked on the S. S. *Washington* in New York on May 25th until I landed at Idlewild Airport on June 26th. In fact, I still have it and I find that sharing it prolongs it. When you have your trip abroad, come and tell me about it!



Friday, August 26, is a date for all of us to put on our calendars. On that day, between two and five in the afternoon, the Pediatrics Occupational Therapy Department will present its annual Peach Festival on the roof of the Pediatrics Clinic. There will be entertainment, too, by Ines DeSanctis, a volunteer, who is an accomplished pianist. In case of rain, the fun will move indoors to the lounge on the 18th floor of G-building.

You may remember that the funds raised by the sale of ice cream sundaes and punch are used to buy play materials for the children on N-4.

Those of us who can't leave our work to attend the party needn't feel left out. We can order our refreshments and they'll be delivered. All we have to do is telephone the roof on that day (Extension 7192) and place our orders. If it's raining, call Extension 7186.

Watch for posters around the building which will help remind you of the date.

## DOWNEY RETIRES

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degree in civil engineering from New York University, was most recently a petroleum engineer with the Military Air Transport Service in Washington, D. C., with responsibilities for the technical aspects of the world-wide liquid fuels program. From 1941-1946 he was a Navy officer serving with the Sea Bees and Marines in the South Pacific, and later in the Bureau of Yards and Docks in Washington. After his retirement with the rank of commander, he went to Korea for six months as an engineering advisor to U. S. Military Government.